

Spring/Summer of 2021 PA Announcements

1. GENERAL VENUE/SAFETY/GAME MANAGEMENT PA'S

(ANNOUNCE BEFORE THE START OF THE GAME/SESSION)

To help insure the safest and most comfortable atmosphere the host event staff will diligently maintain established COVID-19 mitigations, security procedures and activities. This will require complete cooperation by all competing teams, contest officials, and fans. Security will always have priority over convenience; therefore, if you are requested to cooperate with event personnel in any manner, please do so promptly. Your assistance will enable event staff to fulfill its responsibilities efficiently.

(ANNOUNCE BEFORE EACH GAME/SESSION)

The possession, distribution, and consumption of alcoholic beverages and other illegal substances are prohibited at the site and on any affiliated property of the IHSA State Series Contest. State series hosts are required to make all state series contest sites and any affiliated property, including parking lots, fan accommodation areas, and other school or event venue property, alcohol free zones on the date or dates of any IHSA event being held at the site. Event staff will enforce this policy rigorously.

(ANNOUNCE SEVERAL TIMES BEFORE THE START OF EACH SESSION AND DURING THE FIRST FEW MINUTES OF EACH GAME EACH DAY)

A free digital program for this state final event is available on the IHSA website. Go to IHSA.org and then click the sport from the dropdown menu. Once there, click the program cover on the lefthand side for rosters, team photos, school info and more.

(ANNOUNCE TOWARD THE END OF THE GAME/MATCH/CONTEST RACE)

The IHSA and the Illinois State Police wish to remind you that texting while driving is illegal. Cell phone use while driving is responsible for over 3,000 deaths and over 30,000 injuries across United States each year.

(ANNOUNCE SEVERAL TIMES DURING THE DAY)

The IHSA and the Illinois State Police wish to remind you that drivers who use hand-held devices are four times more likely to get into crashes serious enough to injure themselves. Distractions cause infractions!

2. IHSA MISSION PA'S

(ANNOUNCE ONCE EACH DAY AND AS NEEDED)

Participation in interscholastic activities generates values that make student-athletes better citizens. Parents, coaches, and officials can reinforce the development of these students by expressing, supporting and displaying those positive values gained by participating and competing. Challenge our young people not just to go to school, but to go beyond. . . with the IHSA. The Future Plays Here!

(ANNOUNCE ONCE EACH DAY AND AS NEEDED)

For more than 100 years the I-H-S-A has provided the vehicle for recognition of students, their schools and their communities through competition in I-H-S-A sports and activities. But participation in sports and activities is a lot more than just winning and losing. Students who participate in school programs are taught valuable life lessons that will help make them better citizens. Thank you for your attendance here today, and for helping encourage and support high school participation. The Future Plays Here!

(ANNOUNCE ONCE EACH DAY AND AS NEEDED)

IHSA State Final events are celebrated by schools, competitors, coaches, communities and fans alike each year, and rightly so. But it is also important to remember that only a small percentage of IHSA participants reach this level of competition. The IHSA exists to foster participation opportunities that will develop and instill positive characteristics that will stay with students long after high school. The Future Plays Here!

(ANNOUNCE ONCE EACH DAY AND AS NEEDED)

The Illinois High School Association isn't just about sports. The IHSA is proud to be one of the few state high school associations in the country to also offer activities, including Bass Fishing, Chess, Debate, Drama, Speech, Music and Scholastic Bowl. The IHSA wants to create participation opportunities for ALL high school students, so contact them to learn more about how you can participate. The Future Plays Here!

(ANNOUNCE ONCE EACH DAY AND AS NEEDED)

The IHSA believes in inclusion and is proud to partner with Special Olympics Illinois to promote unified sports at all IHSA member schools. Contact the IHSA to find out how your school can become a Unified Champion School!

(ANNOUNCE ONCE EACH DAY AND AS NEEDED)

The IHSA is proud to offer participation opportunities for ALL high school students in Illinois. In addition to offering a State Series in nearly 40 sports and activities, the IHSA also conducts state tournaments for athletes with disabilities in basketball, bowling, swimming and track. Contact the IHSA to learn more about how you can participate.

3. SPORTSMANSHIP/SAFETY

(READ PRIOR TO START OF EACH CONTEST)

Fans, please take note of the location of available AEDs at the venue. It would be a life-saving tool in the event of cardiac arrest. (If known) You can find AEDs located at _____

(ANNOUNCE ONCE EACH DAY AND AS NEEDED)

Player safety is the IHSA's top priority. Did you know the IHSA was the first state high school association to develop a Sports Medicine Advisory Committee? The IHSA Sports Medicine Advisory Committee is focused on further improving the safety of Illinois' student-athletes and remaining on the cutting edge of sports medicine and safety issues.

(ANNOUNCE ONCE EACH DAY AND AS NEEDED)

Thank you for joining us for today's state final contest. The IHSA believes that high school athletics bring tremendous value to student-athletes, their schools and their communities. The IHSA is committed to ensuring that all those involved in high school athletics are educated on and equipped to address player safety concerns. For more information, visit [Play Smart Play Hard Dot Org](http://PlaySmartPlayHardDotOrg)

(ANNOUNCE ONCE EACH DAY AND AS NEEDED)

Interscholastic athletics are an extension of the educational process, and the athletic field is the coach's classroom. Remember Do What's Right! Add A. Tude is for everyone.

(Announce once per sessions or twice per day)

"The IHSA would like to recognize the Illinois Athletic Trainers Association for their dedication and commitment to IHSA sports. Athletic Trainers are Certified and Licensed Healthcare professionals that provide the utmost compassion and care for Illinois High School athletes. There are over 1600 Certified Athletic Trainers throughout Illinois and they are devoted in keeping student athletes safe from injuries. For more information about Athletic Training, please visit Illinoisathletictrainers.org . Certified Athletic Trainers are HealthCare!"

(ANNOUNCE TWO OF READS BELOW PER DAY – PICK ATHLETE/SPORT SPECIFIC TO EVENT IF APPLICABLE)

- Did you know that before Andre Iguodala (e-gu-doll-a) was an NBA Finals MVP and world champion with the Golden State Warriors, he was an all-state track & field athlete at Lanphier (lan-fear) High school in Springfield? With overuse injuries on the rise, it's a good reminder that special athletes don't always have to specialize in one sport. The IHSA encourages student-athletes to represent their school in as many sports or activities as their schedule allows. For more information, visit [Play Smart Play Hard dot org](#)

- Did you know that before Allie Quigley starred for the WNBA's Chicago Sky, she led Joliet Catholic Academy to an IHSA Volleyball State Championship and played on the school softball team? Overuse injuries are on the rise and many medical professionals believe that specialization can be more risk than reward. The IHSA encourages student-athletes to represent their school in as many sports or activities as their schedule allows. For more information, visit [Play Smart Play Hard dot org](#)

- Did you know that before Conor Dwyer teamed with Michael Phelps to win a gold medal at the Olympic games in Rio, the Loyola Academy alum participated in four sports for the Ramblers? Overuse injuries are on the rise and many medical professionals believe that specialization can be more risk than reward. The IHSA encourages student-athletes to represent their school in as many sports or activities as their schedule allows. For more information, visit [Play Smart Play Hard dot org](#)

- Did you know that before Ben Zobrist was the World Series MVP for the Chicago Cubs, he participated in four different sports at Eureka High School? Overuse injuries are on the rise and many medical professionals believe that specialization can be more risk than reward. The IHSA encourages student-athletes to represent their school in as many sports or activities as their schedule allows. For more information, visit [Play Smart Play Hard dot org](#)

- Did you know that before LaQuon Treadwell was a first round NFL draft pick, he was a two-sport star at Crete-Monee High School in basketball and football? Overuse injuries are on the rise and many medical professionals believe that specialization can be more risk than reward. The IHSA encourages student-athletes to represent their school in as many sports or activities as their schedule allows. For more information, visit [Play Smart Play Hard dot org](#)

4. SPONSORS

(ANNOUNCE ONCE PER DAY)

COUNTRY Financial wishes the best of luck to all the athletes here today. The passion and dedication these athletes show for their sport is the same as the passion and dedication our financial representatives provide for their clients.

(ANNOUNCE ONCE PER DAY)

At COUNTRY Financial®, we provide our clients with the same passion and dedication these outstanding athletes put into their sport. Visit COUNTRYFinancial.com to see how we can help with your insurance and financial needs.

(ANNOUNCE ONCE PER DAY)

At COUNTRY Financial® we're proud to support the exceptional athletes here today. To solve the big challenges of tomorrow, start with simple steps today. So whether you're protecting your first home, saving for your child's future or preparing for retirement – don't get overwhelmed, get started. Contact your local COUNTRY Financial representative today to find out how we can help you protect what matters most.

(ANNOUNCE AT START AND END OF GAME/SESSION)

Wilson Sporting Goods Co. is proud to call Illinois home and happy to be the Official _____(ball) of the IHSA. Wilson Sporting Goods Co. manufactures the Official Ball that will be used in our Game/Match today and exclusively in all competitions leading up to crowning IHSA State Champions in 14 sports. **Wilson. MORE WIN**

(ANNOUNCE BEFORE THE START OF EACH GAME/MATCH/CONTEST)

Wilson Sporting Goods Co. is the Official Ball of the Illinois High School Association. Wilson Sporting Goods has built its reputation around manufacturing the highest quality game balls and equipment in the industry. Visit your local sporting goods retailer or go online to Wilson.com for more information. **Wilson. MORE WIN**

(ANNOUNCE ONE PER DAY)

- Gatorade is Fueling today. Fueling the future. Fueling the student-athletes and teams competing in all IHSA State Final events. Gatorade...win from within.

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- Gatorade. For athletes who move the game forward, we're creating the fuel to do the same. Innovating beyond hydration to create the future of sports fuel. Fueling today. Fueling the future. Fueling the student-athletes and teams competing in all IHSA State Final events. Gatorade...win from within.

For the two PAs below, first confirm that VIP and Minerva are on-site

- **(ANNOUNCE BEFORE & AFTER GAME/MATCH/CONTEST/RACE)**
Visual Image Photography is the official photography service authorized to provide fans attending IHSA state finals with action and award photographs of the participants. You can view all of the great photos from this weekends' tournament by visiting their web site. Just go to www.V-I-P-I-S.com.
- **(ANNOUNCE SEVERAL TIMES PER SESSION)**
The official I-H-S-A State Final apparel souvenirs are on sale only here at _____. Fans may choose from T-shirts, sweatshirts, shorts, hats, and a variety of State Final Apparel. Stop by the Minerva Sportswear Souvenir booth to pick up your Official IHSA State Final merchandise.

5. IHSA INITIATIVES

- **(ANNOUNCE THROUGHOUT THE DAY)**
www.ihsa.org is the address for the IHSA. Check it out anytime you want to find out immediately what's happening with high school sports & activities throughout Illinois. IHSA.org is your home for schedules, scores and more!
- **(ANNOUNCE ONCE PER DAY)**
Did you know that the IHSA annually honors 26 of the best and brightest students in the state with its All-State Academic Team? The event not only provides recognition through a celebratory banquet, but it is also a great accolade for students when applying for college scholarships and jobs. Contact the IHSA for more information on how to nominate a current high school senior.

□ **(ANNOUNCE ONCE PER DAY)**

Doctor, Scientist, Hollywood Producer and Foreign Affairs Officer for the State Department's European Bureau are just few of the awesome careers that recent IHSA All-State Academic Team members have gone on to achieve. Nominate the best and brightest seniors from your high school for this amazing award presented by Caterpillar by contacting the IHSA.

□ **(ANNOUNCE ONCE EACH GAME, UNLESS THERE IS A LACK OF STUDENT SECTIONS)**

Attention student sections...it's time for you to get recognized for being loud and proud. The IHSA Student Advisory Committee is holding its fourth annual Student Section Showdown right now to crown the two best student sections in the state based on sportsmanship and spirit. To compete, all you need to do is submit a video of your student section in action. Click the Student Section Showdown button on the front page of IHSA.org for more information.

□ **(ANNOUNCE THROUGHOUT THE DAY)**

Nearly 10,000 young people in Illinois High School Association member schools annually earn the I-H-S-A Scholastic Achievement Award presented by Country Financial. This unique program helps accentuate the interscholastic experience by highlighting the academic success of individual players and teams. Contact the IHSA office to find out more about how an individual high school athlete or team can be recognized by Country Financial for their academic achievements.

□ **(ANNOUNCE THROUGHOUT THE DAY)**

If you love high school sports in Illinois, then the IHSA State webpage is for you. Click the green IHSA State street sign on IHSA.org for great stories on sportsmanship, history, school nicknames, state final previews and much more!

□ **(ANNOUNCE THROUGHOUT THE DAY)**

Attention fans, it's time for you to make the call!...No, this isn't an in-game promotion, it's time for you to get involved as an IHSA official, and literally start making the calls. Contact the IHSA today so we can walk you through the steps for becoming an official and you can begin enjoying the camaraderie and extra income that goes along with working the sports you already love.

(ANNOUNCE THROUGHOUT THE DAY)

Think you know the game as well as the officials on the _____ (field, court, deck, etc.). Prove it to yourself by becoming an IHSA official. Contact the IHSA today so we can walk you through the process for becoming an official and you can begin enjoying the camaraderie and extra income that goes along with working the sports you already love.

(ANNOUNCE THROUGHOUT THE DAY)

What do you participate in, coach, officiate or support high school sports and activities? We all have a reason why and the National Federation of State High School Associations and IHSA want to know yours. The *My Reason Why* campaign is highlighting high school participation across the country. Tell us yours at MyReasonWhy.com and then share it on social media by using the hashtag My Reason Why.

6. BROADCAST

(ANNOUNCE TWICE PER DAY)

The N F H S Network is your home to watch high school sports live on the internet. If you can't make it to the big game, including IHSA State Championships, then stream it live on your phone, tablet or TV via the Apple TV app. The N F H S Network...High School Happens Here.

(ANNOUNCE ONCE PER GAME IF GAME IS STREAMING LIVE)

The N F H S Network is streaming this game live at www.IHSA.tv so text or call friends and family who aren't here and invite them to watch. Just log on to www.IHSA.tv, setup account and watch live on phone, tablet, computer or TV via the Apple TV app. The N F H S Network...High School Happens Here.

(ANNOUNCE THROUGHOUT THE DAY)

Do you love reliving great moments in IHSA history? Then the IHSA Archives YouTube page is for you. Visit YouTube.com Backslash IHSA Archives to see a growing library of nearly 1,000 classic IHSA contests in multiple sports, including some of the oldest high school basketball footage in the world.